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FOLL REPEAT MANAGUA 4972 ACTION SECSTATE 28 DEC 74

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E.O. 11652: N/A

FROM AMBASSADOR SHELTON

1. AN ESTIMATED 10-15 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS "SANDINISTA COMMUNIST TERRORISTS" TONIGHT SHOT WAY INTO HOME OF FORMER GON MIN. OF AGRICULTURE JOSE MARIA CASTILLO SHORTLY AFTER MY WIFE AND I LEFT A RECEPTION GIVEN IN OUR HONOR. APPROXIMATELY 20 HOSTAGES ARE BEING HELD IN HOUSE AT GUNPOINT AND WITH GRENADES AND SANDINISTAS ARE DEMANDING RELEASE OF "POLITICAL PRISONERS". AMONG PROMINENT HOSTAGES BEING HELD ARE NICARAGUAN AMB TO U.S. GUILLERMO SEVILLA SACASA, GON AMB TO U.N. GUILLERMO LANG, GON MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ALEJANDRO MONTIEL, GON MIN OF DISTRICT LUIS VALLE OLIVARES, GEN MANGER BANCO DE AMERICA ERNESTO FERNANDEZ HOLMAN, EXXON GEN MGR. DANILO LACAYO, ARCHITECT ALFREDO OSORIO, PRES OF INFONAC NOEL PALLAIS, AMB OF CHILE, CASTILLO, COL. PATAKY, AND OTHER PROMINENT MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY, AND WIVES OF MOST OF ABOVE.

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2. AS OF 2 A.M. DEC 28, POLICE REPORT 2 KILLED, 3 WOUNDED BUT THIS

IS UNCONFIRMED AND INDIVIDUALS NOT IDENTIFIED. HOUSE IS
SURROUNDED BY POLICE UNDER COMMAND OF GENERAL JOSE R. SOMOZA
AND GENERAL SAMUEL GENIE. PRESIDENT ANASTASIO SOMOZA WITH HIS WIFE
WENT TO CORN ISLAND LATE AFTERNOON OF DEC. 27 HE HAS BEEN
REACHED BY RADIO AND IS RETURNING IMMEDIATELY TO MANAGUA BY AIR
AND IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT APPROX 3:30 A.M.

3. ALL U.S. PERSONNEL ARE SAFE. FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE
REPORTED ASAP.

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